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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THIS SUBJECT AGAIN IN LIGHT OF CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH REFTEL AND LIKELY TABLING OF A DRAFT AGREEMENT BY GOS. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT TO THE GOS THE DRAFT AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN MADRID 8226 AS AMENDED BY MADRID 8325. ARTICLE 20 OF THE DRAFT SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE PROVIDED TO THE OTHER BY ONE OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS, PURSUANT TO DETERMINED NEEDS OF COMMON INVESTIGATIONS UNQUOTE.

2. WE WOULD INTERPRET REVISED PARA 20 TO MEAN THAT ON A PRAGMATIC BASIS DEA CAN SHARE USE OF FACILITIES OR SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT WITH SPANISH AGENCIES IN CONNECTION
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WITH ANY ONGOING INVESTIGATION IN WHICH DEA HAS AN INTEREST, STOPPING SHORT OF TURNING OVER EQUIPMENT FOR RETENTION IN SPANISH INVENTORY. IN VIEW OF SHIFT IN STRATEGY OF APPROACH TO CONGRESS OVER PAST TWO YEARS AND CONCENTRATION OF US ASSISTANCE EFFORT ENTIRELY OUTSIDE EUROPE, WE CONSIDER THAT SPANISH ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHOULD, IF THEY INQUIRE, BE ENCOURAGED TO ACQUIRE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

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THEY MAY REQUIRE THROUGH THEIR OWN APPROPRIATIONS. PENDING SUCH ACQUISITIONS, TEMPORARY SHARING OUTLINED ABOVE WOULD BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE KINDS OF INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT LISTED IN MADRID 75-3095. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT SPANISH AGENCIES WOULD HAVE USE FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT, IN MOST CASES, IN THEIR GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES NOT LIMITED TO DRUG ENFORCEMENT, AND THAT THEY WOULD BUDGET OVER SEVERAL YEARS TO ACQUIRE SUCH SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT IN ANY CASE. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CONGRESS WOULD WISH TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO MOTIVATE THE SPANISH AGENCIES, AND WOULD INSTEAD BELIEVE THAT THOSE AGENCIES WILL INCREASINGLY BE INTERESTED IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE OF THE EMERGING DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE THREAT IN SPAIN, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR GROWING COOPERATION WITH DEA AND WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.
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